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In re application of:

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Appeal Filed on May 13, 2003, and received in the USPTO on May 19, 2003, please amend the application as follows. Under 37 CFR § 1.192, a reply is due within two months after the Office's receipt of the Notice of Appeal. As July 19, 2003 was a Saturday, Applicants believe that the following response is timely as being submitted on the next business day. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

This amendment has been prepared under the newly revised amendment practice: 37 CFR § 1.121, effective July 30, 2003.